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GOVERNOR FORT AND THE SENATORSHIP.

GOVERNOR FORT, it is promised, will make a statement tomorrow at Trenton definitely defining his position in regard to the United States senatorship. Governor Fort has now stripped himself of all the official patronage of his term and, therefore, has no official rewards to offer to gain support. His term will expire prior to the election of a United States senator by the Legislature next January, and, consequently, he will not be inhibited from an election if he chooses to be a candidate. Governor Fort has said, and repeated, that he was not a candidate for the senatorship, but it has been assumed that if he should receive a primary nomination he would not be averse to having his name go before the Legislature in the joint meeting. A United States senatorship is never sneezed at. The Governor's statement, if made tomorrow, will command a great deal of public interest.

REAL MEANING OF THE "WAKELEE ACT."

FORMER Congressman Eugene W. Leake is still convinced that the Senate bill 79, introduced by Senator Wakelee and signed by the Governor, is retroactive and will cripple the McCran anti-diversion act passed at the last session. Mr. Leake is alone among lawyers in his opinion, and the Governor was fully convinced before signing the bill that it had no possible effect. The new law makes no change in any existing statute except as to the word "limitation." The McCran bill relates to subsurface water only, and has no application to surface or surplus water. The East Jersey Water Company does not deal in subsurface water and owns no subsurface water rights. The corporation act of 1875 is not affected in any way by the Wakelee act. The word "limitation" adds nothing to the statute that was not there before—in the words of the statute, "any right vested or accrued." It would appear, in fact, that if any right that is ended has become limited the use of the word "limited" makes it more assured that the right is ended. In brief, the Wakelee act is not a reviving one, but an act to prevent the revival of any right that has become ended by limitation of time or otherwise. Such is the opinion of lawyers who have closely examined the Wakelee act, and it is the judgment of the Governor who signed the act.

AN EXODUS OF ALDRICH SENATORS.

SENATOR GALLINGER, of New Hampshire, and Senator Burrows, of Michigan, of the Aldrich old guard in the Senate, seem to be booked to go out of senatorial life either voluntarily or by compulsion. A powerful sentiment has been developed in Michigan against the reelection of Burrows by reason of his reactionary course in the Senate. In Michigan the next United States senator will be chosen in primary, and therein lies peril for Burrows. New Hampshire is rock-ribbed, but among Republican voters there is a rapidly growing dissatisfaction with Senator Gallinger on account of his constant support of Aldrichism. It is believed at Washington that Gallinger will announce his withdrawal before the party primaries are held. The going out of four senators who constitute the backbone of Aldrichism in the Senate and the defeat of other senators of the same group for reelection will make a great change in the Senate. Younger men will come to the fore, the Senate will be more of a representative and deliberative body than it has been, one-man domination will cease and there won't be that close connection with great vested interests that has obtained for some years.

CAMDEN HAS AMBITIONS AND HOPES.

CAMDEN county politicians are not modest in their claims upon the party organizations this year. The Camden Republicans demand the Hon. David Baird for United States senator and State Senator Bradley for Governor. The Camden county Democrats demand the nomination of former Mayor Nowrey, of Camden city, for Governor. It is understood that each and all of the Camden men thus favored are willing. If all Republican South Jersey below Mercer favors Baird for senator he will have twenty votes in the joint session, or twenty-one short of a majority. If all South Jersey supports Bradley or Nowrey for Governor they will get less than a fourth of the convention delegates. It is an uphill job to secure a South Jersey nomination for Governor or United States senator, but the STAR extends its good wishes to the ambitious politicians, Republican and Democratic, of that aspiring section.

REPRESENTING HIS NATION ABROAD.

WHILE Roosevelt is in Europe as a representative American and as former President of the United States, receiving the attentions and courtesies of rulers and people, the voice of partisanship should not be raised at home in connection with his personality. A nation has every reason to be gratified when a simple citizen, wearing only the honorary title of colonel, is thus honored abroad. To the credit of the American press there has been little shown of the political partisan spirit, and only in a few newspapers envenomed against the man. The tributes paid to Roosevelt have been accepted as complimentary to the American nation, which they are. There is no doubt of that sentiment among the populations of Italy and Hungary, which were so warmly friendly in their manifestations. There should be, and is, an unusual feeling of gratification in the United States at the address by Roosevelt before the Sorbonne in Paris, and there is confidence that Roosevelt will make as creditable a figure as a scholar at the Berlin University and in England.

ADJOURNMENT AT WASHINGTON.

IT is expected that Congress will adjourn the middle of June. None of the five so-called administration bills has been passed, and there is no certainty that any of them will be gotten through at this session. And yet the majority in Congress has every incentive to pass these bills before adjournment. The elections will take place before the second session begins, and failure to do anything for conservation, for anti-injunction, for railroad control, etc., will increase the difficulty of electing a Republican majority in the next House of Representatives.

THE STAR'S EDITORIAL GAMBIT

The Rev. Dr. Osborne declares that if people in general were really religious there wouldn't be any disease worth speaking of. It might be well to explain how it is that the most intensely religious people of the world, the pilgrims to Mecca, are, as a rule, not only filthy in habits but originate disease. The great plague scourges had their origin in Asia. India, which has a devout population of different creeds, has had millions of disease victims. There is not much religion in the city of Paris, which is quite healthy. Nor is it well to assert that a majority of the people of this city prefer to be filthy, corrupt, diseased, intemperate and impure. Such a characterization is too intemperate for refutation.

It was a sudden and extraordinary transition for George Forman, from the respected and trusted auditor of the city of Newark to the fugitive from justice with the brand of criminality upon him. A week ago no suspicion attached to his name, and every citizen of Newark would take his hand in friendship and trust in his honor. Today he is searched for by detectives, and the police of the country are on the watch for him. It would seem difficult for Forman to elude arrest, if, indeed, his disappearance has not had a tragical sequel.

Emperor William is to meet Roosevelt at the railroad station in Berlin upon his arrival. This mark of distinction may not please the court flunkies, but it will not fail to please the plain German people and it will gratify German-American sentiment in the United States. "The rank is but the guinea's stamp." The ranking citizen of a great republic who is honored by the world is certainly not below the level of royalty in distinction.

Reports of crop damages in the West are always exaggerated. Cold storms have prevailed in large areas and much harm has been done to agricultural interests, but every crop year witnesses the same losses. The greatest danger is from drought. If there are favorable weather conditions in June, July and August, the year 1910 will be another phenomenal crop year.

The success of the appointive School Board in Newark is making its impression upon public sentiment in other municipalities in the State, and it won't be long before all of them will discard the elective system and establish appointive boards.

THE IDIOT AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE

"I hope you are satisfied with our table, Mr. Idiot," said the landlady. "In the main, yes," replied the Idiot. "But I really think I ought to register a complaint against yesterday's fish-balls, madam."

"Why, I am sorry about that," said the landlady, blushing. "We rather pride ourselves on our fishballs. What was the matter with them, sir?"

"Mine had a distinctly fishy taste," returned the Idiot.—Harper's Weekly.

YOU'VE HEARD HIM.

Business Man (at a city restaurant)—"Can't you hurry up that steak a little, waiter? I've been waiting over half an hour."

Business Man (at home)—"What in thunder is the matter that we don't have dinner? I've been sitting here like a bump on a log for fully five minutes.—London Tit-Bits.

SPEAKING OF RUBBERS.

"What can I get a pair of rubbers for?" asked the man who had entered.

"About \$25," answered the man who approached.

"Twenty-five dollars? Since when has footwear gone that high?"

"This isn't a shoe store, my friend," said the man addressed; "this is the office of an osteopath."—St. Louis Star.

Daddy's Good-Night Stories

THE LADY BUG'S NEW LAMP.

BY FARMER SMITH.



"WHAT has become of the Lady Bug?" asked Ethel of her father one night.

"Oh," said Ethel's father, "I will tell you about her tonight."

The Lady Bug was very much excited. Dr. Beetle was coming over to dinner that night, and she did not have any way to light up her little home.

"I declare," said Lady Bug, "I will have to get in my airship and fly around and see if I cannot get a lamp of some kind."

The Lady Bug put on her little coat and hat and went outside, where the Butterfly Airship was tied.

"Now," said Lady Bug, "I think I will go over and see Mr. and Mrs. Firefly, and see if I cannot get little Tommy Firefly to come and be my lamp tonight."

Lady Bug alighted at the Firefly home and knocked on the door.

"Why, how do you do?" said Mrs. Firefly, coming to the door. "I haven't seen you for a long time. How are you?"

"Oh, I am very well," said Lady Bug, "but I am in trouble."

"Why, what is the matter?" asked Mrs. Firefly. "Can I help you?"

"Yes, indeed, I think you can," said Lady Bug. "Dr. Beetle is coming over to dinner tonight and I haven't any lamp, and I thought you might let Tommy come over and be my lamp."

"Why, yes," said Mrs. Firefly, "of course, he can."

"Oh, thank you," said Lady Bug, clapping her hands, "and I have a nice little bottle that Dr. Beetle gave me hanging up over my table, and he will look so nice in that."

So Tommy Firefly went with Lady Bug and climbed up in the bottle, and he certainly did make a nice light, but all of a sudden, while Dr. Beetle and Lady Bug were eating, the light went out.

"Why, I wonder what is the matter?" said Lady Bug, getting up to look at the lamp.

"Why, he is fast asleep," said she.

And, sure enough, Tommy had gone to sleep. He was not used to staying up so late.

BLACK AND WHITE



CHIEF WOULD EAT HIM.

The Castaway Upon the Cannibal Island—Oh! sir, I was a managing editor.

The Cannibal Cook (a Joker)—Well, you will soon be the editor-in-chief.



A DEFENSE.

Bronson—Most of the airs people put on about the benefits of foreign travel are all a bluff.

Woodson—Yes. But you've got to travel yourself in order to be able to call the bluff.



PRACTICAL ACCOUNT.

Marion—I just adore heroes. I would love to have a man with a war account for a husband.

Myrtle—I think I'd rather have one with a good bank account.



ONE MORE SCHEME.

First Suburbanite—Has your garden proved a success?

Second Suburbanite—You bet! I set traps in it, and we've had fried chicken thirty-seven times this season.



HARD LINES.

The Professor—Oh! it's a great memory system. After you learn the rules you can remember anything.

The Forgetful Man—That's just it. I can't remember the rules.



NOTHING LIKE 'EM IN TURKEY.

Sultan of Turkey—See here, Hassam Bey.

Hassam Bey (bowing)—What is your desire, sire?

Sultan of Turkey—Send to the United States and get me some more of those Turkish cigarettes.

The People's Rostrum

The STAR extends the privilege of these columns to the public and invites signed communications of not more than one hundred words treating of topics of the hour.

To Stamp Out White Plague.

To the Editor of the Evening Star:

According to this morning's papers there was much earnest preaching yesterday in the local churches on the fight against the white plague. Tuberculosis Sunday promises to be an institution in this city for some time to come, as much interest has been awakened in the subject, but words alone never win a real fight of this or any other kind. It is the sinews of war that really count, the means to make the fight good by the establishment of those methods advocated by the energetic men who have already organized under this great banner for the betterment of physical conditions.

The betterment of physical conditions, of course, means betterment of moral conditions, and the betterment of the latter, as is inevitable, redounds to the benefit of the whole community from a financial point of view. So the sinews of war will be returned many fold.

Let the community at large furnish money. It is for its own benefit even from the narrowest view taken of this important subject. MARVIN.

The East Ferry Street Station.

To the Editor of the Evening Star:

Do we need a new station at East Ferry street? Foolish question!

There was no denying the fact that the people who attended the meeting

at Hamburg Place School last week were serious. Every one of the scores of speeches made was forceful, and sometimes very emphatic, and the railroad representative who was present certainly could not have mistaken their trend.

Is the station in keeping with the neighborhood?

The railroad people said yes, but I'm a doubting Thomas. If the locality has deteriorated the railroad is to blame for making it so, and the fifty station does not enhance the property values any.

The railroad representative gave an excuse that on account of the tube service it was thought inadvisable to do any building for the time being.

How do they expect to invite competition if they do not show us that they have something better, or as good, to give us for our money, or that they will give their patrons as good accommodation as other roads do?

We trust that the Central railroad will have a favorable answer to give the committee when they meet next Wednesday night, at Hamburg Place School. COMMUTER.

Objects to Court Delays.

To the Editor of the Evening Star:

The order of Justice Swayze directing the four largest beef corporations in this country to produce the minute books of the meetings of their stockholders and directors for examination by a Hudson county grand jury has been sustained by the Supreme Court.

The directors of the four corporations which form the beef trust have been indicted in Hudson county for conspiracy to raise the price of beef. Prosecutor Garven, who procured the indictments and secured the order from Justice Swayze, deserves great praise for his fight for the people.

The beef trust will no doubt take the case up to the Court of Errors and Appeals, and if defeated there will go to the United States Supreme Court. I predict that if the trust appeals to the latter court it will be ordered to send the books to a Hudson county grand jury, for I remember that when the

income tax law was in force during President Cleveland's administration one of the largest trusts said internal revenue collectors had no authority to take its books. The president of the trust was shown paragraphs in the United States statutes by a Newark deputy collector which gave an internal revenue collector power to take the books of a trust or corporation to his office and examine them. The trust then made out a return of its profits for a year, obeying the internal revenue law, which was later repealed by one of the associate justices, who had voted twice for the law, changing his vote. VIDI.

The Forman Disappearance.

To the Editor of the Evening Star:

It is a sad case. A disgrace to our city—the Forman reign for years. An official positively refusing to comply with the law, and still retained in the important position of an auditor.

Failure would be the outcome if taxpayers conducted their own business on the lines that they allow the city's business to go on.

Reminds me of the suggestion at the automobile club dinner a short time ago: A toast on the side—Vivian Lewis for our next Governor and Dave McIntyre our next mayor—Rah! Rah!!

Let's clean up, make a fresh start; leave out self and the friend for a time. We want just a business proposition in the affairs of our city; that's all, and we are entitled to that.

Representatives of the people must represent, and necessarily sacrifice something to fill the bill. It's dead easy to do when costing nothing. I nominate David A. McIntyre for mayor. TAXPAYER.

Substitute for Money.

To the Editor of the Evening Star:

I read much of the robbery of gas meters, and I have reason to know that most of the robberies are perpetrated by boys to get spending money. If the gas companies would substitute brass checks the size of a quarter and sell them to consumers, to be used in place of money, this pilfering of and damage to gas meters would cease. CONSUMER.

ON THE SIDE BY M.T.W.

SO THERE.

The farmer needs the rain I know, And yet I do not care; What if his old crops do not grow I'd rather have it fair.

AND ON THE OTHER HAND, ETC.

Bill Nye once congratulated the newspaper profession because of an editor who he said was held up late at night by a highwayman, and who managed after a fight to overcome the hold-up man and rob him.

Pat Crowe, kidnapper and one-time bandit, was relieved of all of his valuables at the point of a gun in an Ohio town the other day. Evangelist though he is now there must have stirred with his chagrin a feeling of longing for the good old days. Unquestionably the worker in his old profession touched him.

TRY IT.

Dear Sir—Are oyster pearls that have been cooked in an oyster fry good? CURIOUS.

The taste for fried pearls is an acquired one. Personally we prefer our pearls raw. While we have never taken a straw vote on the subject, we feel certain that the great struggling mass of the people feel as we do about it.

However, the next time you find a very fine specimen of the oyster pearl you might see how you like it fried.

COLLEGE BOYS WILL BE BOYS.

Reports from all over the country indicate that the college cut-up is working overtime in an endeavor to live up to his reputation as a funmaker.

Recently one of them conceived the brilliant idea of throwing a home-made bomb into the quadrangle about which were grouped the dormitories at the dead of night.

Although the joke was a pipkin, he managed to keep it to himself, as the bomb exploded in his hand, blowing off two fingers.

A UNIQUE CASE.

At one time ingenious men carried on quite a traffic in public buildings. The visitor to the city would be shown the Court House, the City Hall, the Prudential building, or some other structure and would be told he might have it at a remarkably low figure.

It is said Madison Square Garden has been sold many times over.



Proof of the fact that the business is in flourishing condition in our own times lies in the fact that the Singer building has attracted the hard earned cash of many a purchaser.

Therefore friends of a certain Newarker who was said to have bought the City Hall in Trenton recently felt sorry about it. Others who did not know him even were feeling sorry that they had not thought to sell him one of Newark's fine buildings.

However, investigation showed the Newarker to have been a party to a most remarkable transaction. In return for his money he received a genuine deed to Trenton's old City Hall property and now actually owns it.

So far as we know the case is without parallel in the real estate and confidence annals of the country.

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